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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Agency Visit and Briefing of Intelligence Subcommittee  
of House Armed Services Committee**

1. On 4 October 1971 Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Representatives William Bray and O. C. Fisher, and Messrs. Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, of the staff of the Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, visited the Agency for a breakfast with the Director, Colonel White and me followed by a briefing on the community and the Agency by Colonel White and discussion with the Deputies.

2. During the breakfast the Director spoke in general terms about the Agency's mission and emphasized the importance of maintaining a high degree of security regarding its internal affairs and covert operations.

25X1 3. The group then adjourned to the Director's Conference Room and was joined by the Deputies and Messrs. [redacted] of OLC. Colonel White explained the structure of the intelligence community and the Agency's place therein. This gave rise to some discussion of the preparation of National Estimates, and the participation therein of the various community components.

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4. Colonel White then described the internal organization of the Agency and the responsibilities of the four Directorates, plus those of NIPE and NIRB.

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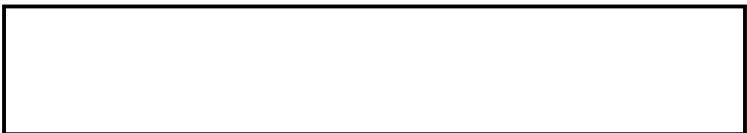
5. Following this session the group paid a brief visit to the DDS&T Conference Room to examine models of certain advanced collection systems, and the OPPB "Tank" for a quick survey of the Agency's budget and manpower resources.

6. Follow up action:

a. Mr. Slatinshek asked by what authority the Director served as Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board. He requested copies of the Presidential letters and any other directives bearing on this point.

b. Chairman Nedzi was interested in what we considered deficiencies in the present espionage laws, and said he would welcome our recommendations for amendments. Colonel White said that Messrs. Maury and Houston would come up and discuss the matter with him.

c. The Chairman and the other members asked a number of questions about the function of the Board of National Estimates and requested a list of the current members of the Board.

  
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